

# Syrian civil war

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Its theme(s) are International relations, Middle East, War.

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Trump was right to pull out of Syria and Afghanistan. This is what he should do next. by Ro Khanna (*The Washington Post*, December 22, 2018) ([view](#))

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In withdrawing from Syria, Trump makes a major error by Hugh Hewitt (*The Washington Post*, December 20, 2018) (view)

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Trump's bizarre decision on Syria by Peter Bergen (*CNN*, December 19, 2018) (view)

Trump reversal on Syria policy means big gains for Iran by Tony Badran (*Democrat and Chronicle*, December 19, 2018) (view)

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